

Gale "Goose" Wall, Sr.

North Central Texas Hall of Fame

Gale "Goose" Wall, Sr. was born on May 29, 1943 and passed away July 19, 2010 at the age of 67. He was born in Pampa, TX and lived in the Fort Worth area throughout his childhood. He was in 2nd grade at Forest Hill Elementary when he met his future bride, Jonnie. Goose was in the US Marine Corp for about 8 years and served in Vietnam as a Gunner for 2 of those years. He returned to Fort Worth in 1970 upon discharge from the USMC. He fell in love with bowling in high school and started his "bowling career" at Berry Bowl as a pin chaser and lane man ... and if needed, flipping burgers in the snack bar. After the Marine Corp, Goose made his way back to bowling and was a Manager at Richland Bowl. He had a job opportunity in North Carolina in 1974 outside of the bowling business, but it turned out that wasn't for him. So back to TX and bowling as a Manager at Richland Bowl. In the early 80's, Goose and Jonnie began running a metroplex bowling tournament that was called TTBA and then NTTB until 1990. When Showplace Lanes opened, Goose became the Manager and remained there for the next 7 years. His final Management position was at Hurst Bowl where he worked until approximately 2000, after a massive stroke in 1998 forced him into early retirement.



Goose is being honored for his bowling achievements and contributions to bowling. We (Goose's family) think the number of sanctioned high scores and the number of tournaments won, etc. might be expected to be part of this bio, but we have no idea how many there were. He never had a count going, because that wasn't his way. All we know is there were a lot, he had fun every time he shot big scores or won a tournament, and he REALLY loved bowling pot games!

The information above is a timeline of Goose's life, but the timeline barely begins to paint the picture of how big bowling was in his life and how much it meant to him. After his stroke, the love and support he received back from the community was astounding and kept him going. Goose lived for his family and bowling - it was that simple. But the term 'bowling' doesn't just refer to the act of shoeing up and getting on the lanes. Bowling means friendship, purpose, passion, mentorship, coaching and so much more and that is what Goose embodied. What he would be so honored and humbled to know is that he has been given the biggest "Thank You" he could ever have imagined to be elected as a member of the Hall of Fame. He truly cared about helping bowlers, giving people second chances and teaching them anything and everything they wanted to learn about bowling. He loved the sport of bowling so much that it was his avenue to affect people and their lives.

